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Memo to files

**Ashland City STP**  
**NPDES Permit # TN0020737, Cheatham County**

On 9/5/12, I talked with Rick Johnson, Mayor of Ashland City, about the response sent by the city regarding deficiencies and violations found during the CEI conducted at the Ashland City WWTP on 5/30 & 31/12. He had requested a call after the response was reviewed by our office, and I also had some questions about details of the corrective action plans contained in the response. The following items were discussed.

1. The city has redirected some funds already available in the city budget so it can be used at the wastewater plant.
2. In the collection system, work will be done on known problems and then they will conduct smoke testing of the sewer lines to find any other problems.
3. The top priority for the plant is to get the influent pumps replaced. They are currently working on financing to do this. The replacement could take place in February 2013 if everything goes as planned.
4. The influent pump replacement will include installation of odor control treatment.
5. They have most of the money to rebuild the laboratory/office building that was damaged beyond repair during the 2010 flood. They are getting the plans drawn up now.
6. Plant staffing will improve soon. They are getting ready to hire a new operator within the next few days. The new operator will split his time between the water plant and the wastewater plant.
7. Plans are to install electronic sensors for the pump stations and for the influent pumps at the plant. The telemetry will be capable to automatically "call out" to notify operators of any problems or failures, and the capability for the operators to call in or use a computer to check them electronically.
8. They have tentative clearance to get the sludge press repaired and are waiting on the final approval from FEMA. This should take place during the next few months. The sludge press has been inoperable since May 2012.
9. He didn't know, but will ask the operators, whether any sludge disposal has taken place since the inspection. At the time of the inspection there hadn't been any sludge removed from the plant since August and September of 2011 (a year ago).

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